(c) whether certain posts have also been created at various levels for the newly-created Department and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether appointments have been made against those posts and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to fill up all the posts at each level to ensure smooth functioning of the Department?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DEPTT. OF INDIAN SYSTEM OF MEDICINE AND HOMOEOPATHY) (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A separate Department for Indian Systems of Medicine & Homoeopathy has been set up vide Cabinet Secretariat Notification No. 74/ 2/2/95-Cab. (i) dated 8.3.95.

(c) 106 additional posts (Group A-27, Group B-18, Group C-41, Group D-20) have been created for the Department of Indian Systems of Medicine & Homoeopathy (ISM&H). The posts are to be filled up in a phased manner.

(d) and (e) Of the 106 additional posts, 47 are to be filled up during 1995-96 and 59 during 1996-97. Action to fill up the posts during 1995-96 has been initiated as per Recruitment Rules.

Setting up of cement plant in Bijapur

2586. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up a cement plant in Bijapur District of Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DR. C. SILVER A): (a) and (b) The Central Government do not propose to set up any cement plant in Bijapur District of Karnataka. The Cement Industry has been de-licensed since July, 1991 and entrepreneurs are free to set up cement plants anywhere in the country subject to locational clearance. Two Industrial Entrepreneurs' Memoranda (IEMs) have been filled for setting up mini cement plants in Bijapur District for an annual capacity of 82,500 tonnes.

Extension granted to General Manager, CSD

2587. SHRI S. AUSTIN:
SHRI MOHAN BABU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what were the terms of extension of tenure granted to the present incumbent of the office of General Manager, Canteen Stores Department;

(b) whether the-extension was for a short period;

(c) what is the extension already enjoyed by the present incumbent;

(d) whether such extensions are demoralizing the Army personnel; and

(e) the steps proposed to replace the officer on extensions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE AND DEPTT. OF DEFENCE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) The tenure of the present incumbent to the post of General Manager, Canteen Stores Department (CSD) was extended from 5.7.95 to 30.4.96, This was the first extension granted to him.

(d) As the extension was within the prescribed rules, there is no question of any demoralisation of Army personnel on this account.

(e) There is no proposal to replace the officer on extension, during the currency of his extension.